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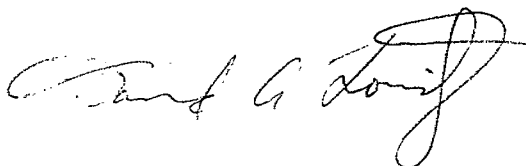
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Subject: . PATENT ON SPARGING PROCESS

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This is to summarize our meeting with the authors of the patent on the sparging process and the products making use of the sparging process, Joe Bebbbs, Homer Hartung and Scott Osborne.

We concluded that we are pleased with the claims that were allowed but that we would like additionally to have claims that cite the use of the residue of tobaccos as smoking products and in cigarettes. Claim 10 has already allowed the use of Oriental sparging residue as a smoking material, so these new claims would extend our control to the use of the residues of other tobaccos as smoking materials, and more specifically, the use of any of these residues in cigarettes. I suggest we also consider more strongly the claim for the use of spargate on substitute smoking materials even though the examiner didn't allow this in the first presentation. We can argue that since the spargate claim is allowed, then the use of the spargate, which is a new material, on a tobacco substitute material, would then yield, in turn, a new material consisting of a combination of tobacco substitute base plus spargate additive.



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